Bill pending for clearance from Karnataka

2891. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of Karnataka for the Karnataka Taxation Laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999 is pending for clearance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the current status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Karnataka has been requested to furnish clarifications on the observations of Ministries of Information & Broadcasting, Environment & Forests, Textiles and Finance & Company Affairs (Department of Revenue) on February 19, April 3 and October 1, 2002 respectively which have not yet been received.

Approval for setting up State SCs/STs Commission in AP

2892. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal for presidential approval for setting up State Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes Commission in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) by when the approval is likely to be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Andhra Pradesh State Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Bill, 2002, reserved by the Governor of Andhra Pradesh, for the President's consideration under article 254(2) of the Constitution of India has been received in Ministry of Home Affairs on 26.4.2002.

(b) and (c) The State Legislations reserved for the consideration and assent of the President are examined from three angles *viz*, (a) conflict to any Central Law, (b) deviation from National or Central Policy, and (c) legal and Constitutional validity.